Westminster
Presbyterian Church

MAY 23, 2021
PENTECOST SUNDAY

Prelude "Veni Creator Spiritus" FRED BINCKES
Kenneth Shafer, organ

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Minute for Mission for the Pentecost Offering **Dawn Kridel**

Gathering Words **Diane Chupp**

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Breath, Wild Winds of Change!
You come to rattle all that cages.
Come, to provoke with prophesies.
Come, to disturb the quiet of evil's routines.

In your presence, all the earth trembles with anticipation of freedom.
A weary world is roused with hope!
You awaken us to the possibility of life abundant for all.
You empower us to co-create that new world with you.
Come, Spirit, come!

Opening Prayer **Joel Chupp**

Divine Disrupter,
in the heart of the ordinary, you stir and surprise.
We welcome your chaos as we release instincts to control.
Though evil makes rigid,
oppresses with order and exploits through unjust regulations,
your love is a force of agitation, rowdy with hope.
Come, breathe into our apprehensive souls, our life-less ways.
Drunk with joy from your presence,
may we be witnesses to your life-giving love for all.
Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us EBENEZER

1 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
Come with Pentecostal power;
Give the church a stronger vision;
Help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission
That God's love shall be made known.

2 We would raise our alleluias

For the grace of yesteryears;
For tomorrow's unknown pathway,
Hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
You have led us all the way;
Still in presence move before us,
Fire by night and cloud by day.

3 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
Give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
Glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
Now and through eternity.

Prayer of Confession **Diane Chupp**

Holy One,
Your wind blows and we hear her sound,
but we do not know where she comes from.
We try to explain her away,
but even our own breath speaks of new things we cannot understand.

We may be together in one place,
but we do not always speak with one voice, we do not listen with one heart.
We hear, and dismiss, your deeds of power, your call to love those who are different from us,
your insistence that the whole world be included.
You pour out your Spirit, and we squash the vision—
it is too big, too unrealistic, too uncertain, too unruly.
You send visions of a future with hope, and we look back instead.
You light the way, and we look for a fire extinguisher, trying to keep ourselves (and you!) safe.

Forgive us, O God.
We long for your new life, but we do not know how to live it.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Joel Chupp**

Breath of Life, you rush into this place again and again
and fill every nook and cranny with forgiveness, dreams, and visions of possibility.
We rejoice in this good news:
You turn our hushed whispers into proclamations of your grace,
in every language of the world.
Lead us out into your future.
Amen.

Musical Response Meditation on "Down Ampney" WILBUR HELD
Kenneth Shafer, organ

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21

Read in Dholuo, English, German, Spanish, and Thai

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2**And suddenly from heaven there
came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3**Divided
tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4**All of them were filled with the
Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6**And at this sound the crowd
gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7**Amazed
and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8**And how is it that we hear, each of
us, in our own native language? **9**Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10**Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and
visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11**Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them
speaking about God's deeds of power." **12**All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does
this mean?" **13**But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in
Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15**Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it
is only nine o'clock in the morning. **16**No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
17'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
18Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
19And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
20The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day
21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Sermon Holy Spirit Conspirators **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Hymn No. 288 Spirit of the Living God LIVING GOD

Jim Bonk and David Schmidt, guitar

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
Fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Prayer of the People **Diana and Joel Chupp**

We pray in the name of the One who is to come, Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together:

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your Presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
Help us not forget our Source,
Yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering.
Amen—
May our future actions grow from here!

Closing Hymn No. 287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading NJOO KWETU ROHO MWEMA

1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading;
Fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing;
Help us to follow you.

Refrain Come, come come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Njoo, njoo, njoo, Roho mwema.
Njoo, njoo, njoo, Roho mwema.

2 Come to teach us; come to nourish
Those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful; may they flourish,
Strengthened by grace unpriced.

Refrain

3 Guide our thinking and our speaking
Done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking,
Freeing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
Nor rootless liberty;
Turn disquiet to contentment,
Doubt into certainty.

Refrain

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
Unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
Which you alone assure.

Refrain

Benediction **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Postlude "A Song of the Spirit" LANI SMITH
Kenneth Shafer, organ

*Note: The Gathering Words and the Opening Prayer were adapted from *Enflesh: Liturgy that Matters.* The Prayer of Confession was adapted from Teri Peterson.
The Lord's Prayer is a retranslation from the Aramaic by Mark Berry from the Emerging Church Movement.

Reading scripture: Joshua Amimo (Dholuo), Jason Owens (German), Pong Thiemmedh (Thai), Cheryl Weiss (Spanish)
Music: Ken Shafer – Organ, Jim Bonk and Dave Schmidt – guitar

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